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TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CHANGES IN BRITISH PAPER

REFERENCE: LONDON 630

1. TONY DUFF HAS GIVEN US THE NEW BRITISH PAPER AS
FINALLY APPROVED BY MINISTERS AND POINTED OUT CHANGES

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FROM THE FIRST DRAFT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL.

2. THE TITLE, TO WHICH THE FOREIGN OFFICE ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE, HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ, "SUGGESTIONS
FOR POSSIBLE STRUCTURE OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT: NOTE
BY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE."

3. CHANGE PARA TWO, SENTENCE FOUR TO READ: "BUT ALSO FOR A PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN MINORITY SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR INTERESTS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT."

4. CHANGE PARA THREE, SENTENCE TWO TO READ: "THEY PROCEED ON THE BASIS THAT WHERE SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND USING PURELY RHODESIAN ELEMENTS, THAT SHOULD BE DONE."

5. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA ONE, SENTENCE ONE TO READ: "THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HEADED BY AN INTERIM COMMISSIONER WHO WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE BRITIS GOVERNMENT, AFTER DUE CONSULTATIONS."

6. CHANGE LAST WORD IN PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA THREE, SENTENCE ONE TO "MINORITY" VICE "COMMUNITY."

7. CHANGE BEGINNING OF SENTENCE TWO IN PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA NINE TO READ: "HIS POWERS IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN RELATION TO THESE SUBJECTS WOULD ENABLE HIM TO ENSURE, ON THE ONE HAND,...."

8. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA ELEVEN, LAST SENTENCE TO READ: "THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD HAVE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNING RHODESIA."

9. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA TWELVE, LAST SENTENCE TO READ: "THE INTERIM COMMISSIONER WOULD PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND WOULD BE IN SECRET

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A POSITION TO EXERCISE A CASTING VOTE."

10. CHANGE PARA FIVE, SUB-PARA THIRTEEN, SENTENCE THREE TO READ: "THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE INTERIM COMMISSIONER, WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO APPOINT AND REMOVE THE HOLDERS OF CERTAIN SENIOR OFFICES IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE."
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